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Lt. Governor Kinder Mobilizes Additional 115 Citizen-Soldiers to Support Communities Along Mississippi River

JEFFERSON CITY - Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today, in his role as acting governor, deployed 165 additional National Guard members to communities at risk for possible historical flooding bringing the total number of National Guard members in the field to 359.

"National Guard members on the ground are continuing their work to reinforce levees and these additional Citizen-Soldiers will provide manpower in counties where weekend volunteers have had to return to work," Lt. Governor Kinder said.

"The Missouri National Guard remains ready to meet the challenge of these rising waters," said Maj. Gen. King Sidwell, Adjutant General of the Missouri National Guard.

Since midweek, Lt. Governor Kinder has mobilized 359 National Guard members in flood response efforts along the upper Mississippi River. Missouri National Guard members are mobilized in the communities of Clarksville, Hannibal, Canton, West Quincy and Alexandria, assisting with sandbagging operations, levee monitoring and limited security operations. There are also liaison officers working with officials in Clark, Lewis, Marion, Ralls, Pike and Lincoln counties.

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